

COMPACT INTERFACE FOR THE DISPLAY AND NAVIGATION OF OBJECT HIERARCHIES

Abstract of the Invention

Under the present invention, a method, system, interface and program product for displaying an object hierarchy in a compact form, and for facilitating navigation through the displayed object hierarchy, is provided. The method includes: displaying a first level root node of the object hierarchy; upon selection of the first level root node, displaying a listing of all second level child nodes of the first level root node immediately adjacent the first level root node; and selecting one of the second level child nodes; wherein, upon selection of one of the second level child nodes, the listing of all second level child nodes of the first level root node disappears, and the selected second level child node is displayed immediately adjacent the first level root node. Nodes from additional levels of the object hierarchy can be selected and displayed in a similar manner.